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Long ago, there lived a king and his fair queen. To celebrate the birth of their daughter, they invited everyone in the kingdom to share their good fortune.

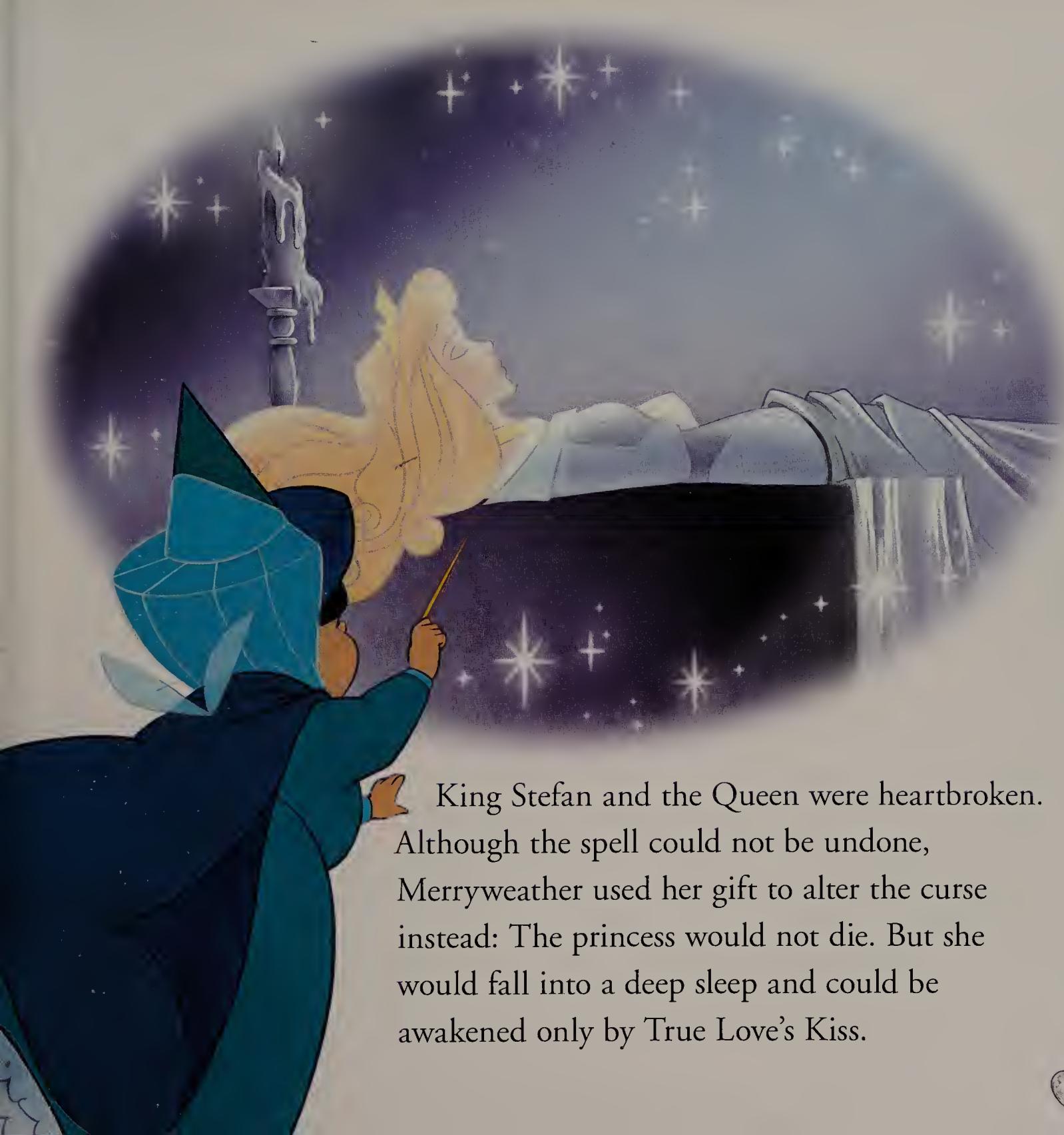
“Hail to the Princess Aurora!” sang the people.

A hush fell over the crowd as Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather—three good fairies—were announced to present the tiny baby with magical gifts. Flora gave the gift of beauty to Princess Aurora. Fauna bestowed the gift of song. But before Merryweather could present her gift . . .



The wicked fairy Maleficent arrived! She was angry to have been left out of the festivities. "I, too, shall bestow a gift upon the child," she proclaimed. "Before the sun sets on her sixteenth birthday, she shall prick her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel—and die!"





King Stefan and the Queen were heartbroken. Although the spell could not be undone, Merryweather used her gift to alter the curse instead: The princess would not die. But she would fall into a deep sleep and could be awoken only by True Love's Kiss.

To keep Aurora safe from spindles, the fairies took her to a cottage deep in the woods, far from Maleficent's evil magic. They called the girl Briar Rose, raising her as their own, and never telling her she was a princess.





Years passed, and Briar Rose grew into a lovely young lady. One day as she walked through the woods, singing and dreaming of love and romance, a young man's voice joined hers in song. At first, she felt shy; but before long, she realized that she was beginning to fall in love.

"When will I see you again?" the handsome stranger asked.

"This evening—at the cottage in the glen!" Briar Rose called, before running off to share her happiness with her aunts.





“Happy Birthday!” they cried, as she came in. It was Briar Rose’s sixteenth birthday, and her aunts had spent the day preparing a delicious cake for her. They had made her a lovely dress as well, though Flora and Merryweather had been unable to agree on whether it should be pink or blue.

“Oh, you darlings!” Briar Rose said with delight. “This is the happiest day of my life!” Breathlessly, she told them about the handsome stranger.

“She’s in love,” said Fauna. “This is terrible!” said Flora. “Why?” Briar Rose asked. “After all, I *am* sixteen.”

The fairies looked anxiously at each other. Then they explained to Rose that they would be taking her back to her parents that very evening, because she was actually the Princess Aurora and already betrothed to Prince Phillip.

"I'm sorry, child," Flora said softly, "but you must never see that young man again."



It was with a heavy heart that Briar Rose returned to the castle that evening. There was rejoicing throughout the land. But the princess couldn't stop thinking about the young man she had fallen in love with in the woods.





Later, while Princess Aurora waited to be presented to her parents, a strange glowing light appeared. As if in a trance, she began to follow it up a narrow staircase.

When the fairies realized Briar Rose was in danger, they flew after her. "Rose! Rose!" they cried. "Don't touch anything!"

The princess entered a small room at the top of the tower. There, in a glowing beam of light, was a spinning wheel. As Maleficent watched, Briar Rose reached out and touched the sharp spindle.

“Rose!” cried the fairies, bursting into the room. But they were too late.

“Here’s your princess!” Maleficent shrieked, stepping aside to show them Briar Rose, asleep on the floor.



As they wiped away their tears, the fairies gently laid the princess on a bed.

“Poor King Stefan and the Queen,” cried Fauna. “They’ll be heartbroken when they find out.”

“They’re not going to,” said Flora. “We’ll put them all to sleep until Rose awakens.” And so the fairies cast a spell over the kingdom, magically making every man, woman, and child fall into a deep sleep.







Meanwhile, the young man arrived at the fairies' cottage to meet Briar Rose, but Maleficent knew he was coming and greeted him instead. "I set my trap for a peasant," she said with a sneer, "and lo! I catch a prince!" As fate would have it, the man Briar Rose had fallen in love with turned out to be Prince Phillip!

Maleficent brought him back to her castle and locked him in a tower. As the prince struggled to escape, Maleficent approached. "The Princess Aurora," she said, showing him a vision of Aurora asleep in the castle, "the self-same peasant maid who won the heart of our noble prince but yesterday!"





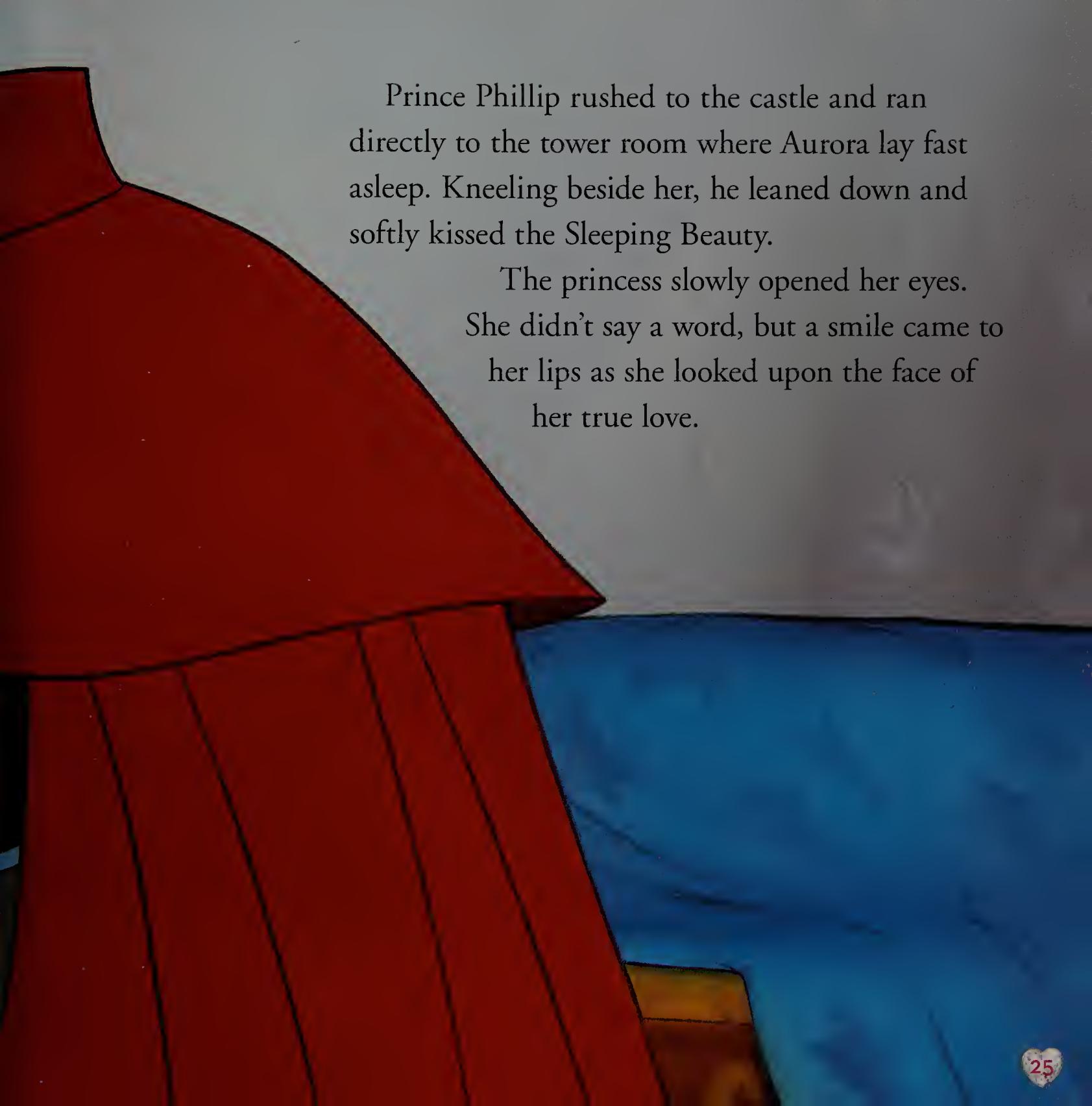
When the three good fairies learned what had become of the prince, they flew to Maleficent's castle and freed him. They armed him with the Sword of Truth and the Shield of Virtue. As Prince Phillip raced through the castle, the good fairies stayed close by to help him with their magic.

Then while Prince Phillip fought his way through a forest of thorns, he suddenly faced a terrifying beast. Maleficent had transformed herself into a fire-breathing dragon!

But Prince Phillip, thinking only of the sleeping princess who needed him at the castle, fought bravely. And he finally sent the evil fairy plunging off a cliff—never to be seen again.







Prince Phillip rushed to the castle and ran directly to the tower room where Aurora lay fast asleep. Kneeling beside her, he leaned down and softly kissed the Sleeping Beauty.

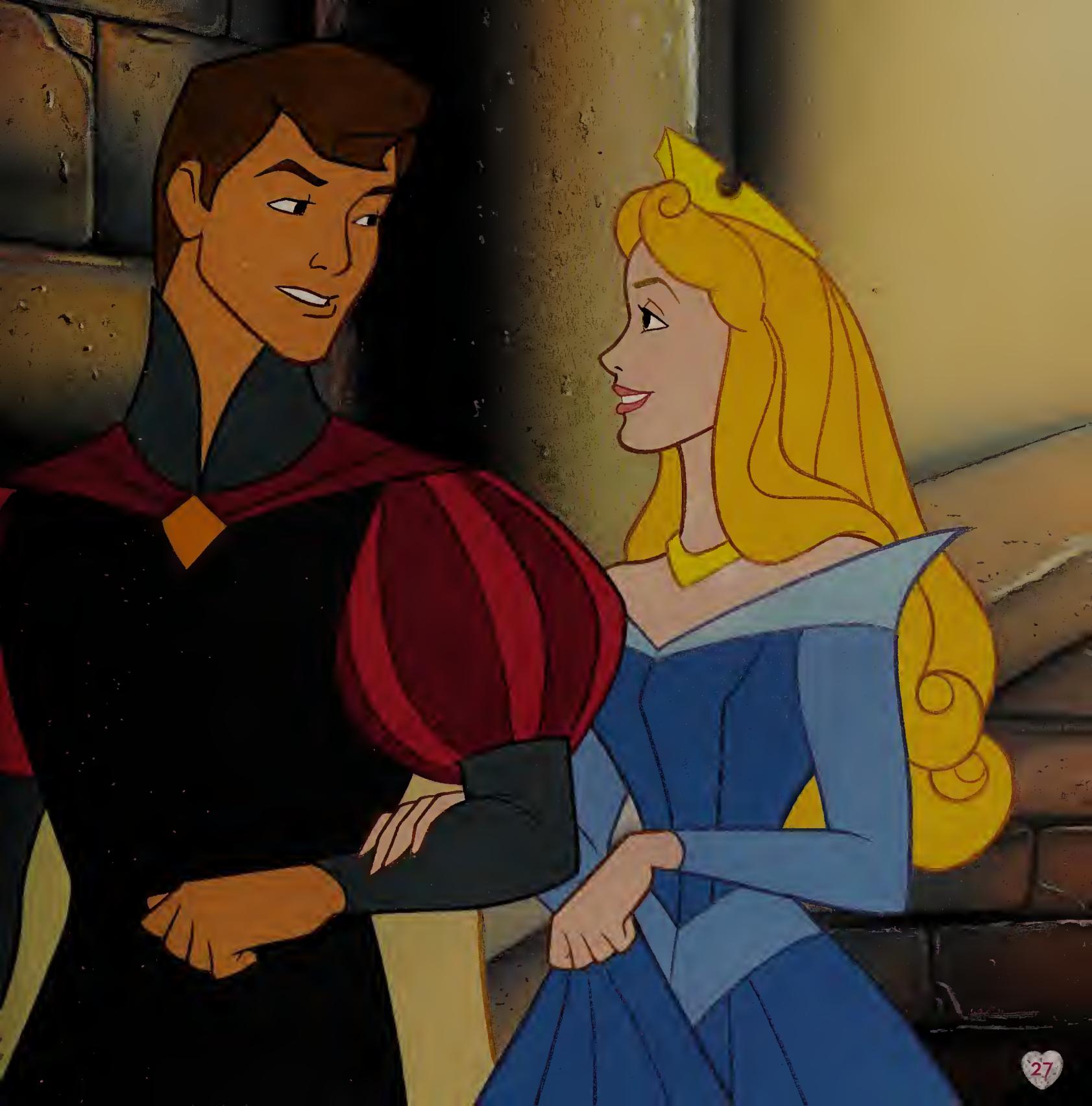
The princess slowly opened her eyes. She didn't say a word, but a smile came to her lips as she looked upon the face of her true love.



Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather rejoiced! Their magical spell was lifted by True Love's Kiss, and everyone in the kingdom began to awaken with shouts of joy.

At long last, King Stefan and his queen were reunited with their daughter. And just as they had dreamed, Prince Phillip and Princess Aurora married and lived happily ever after.

The End



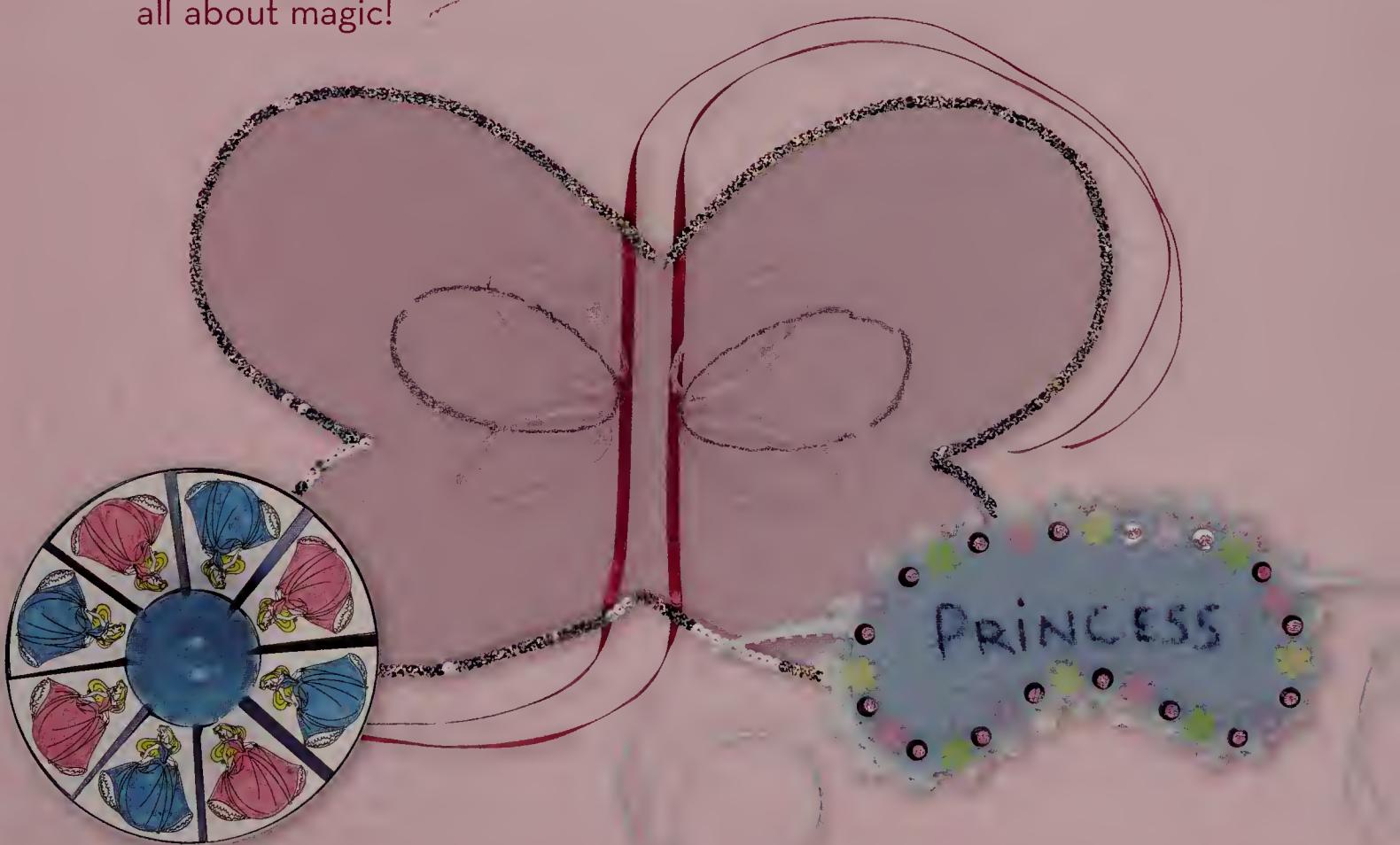


This month's princess theme is magic.

These crafts and activities will show you different ways
to add a little magic to your life.

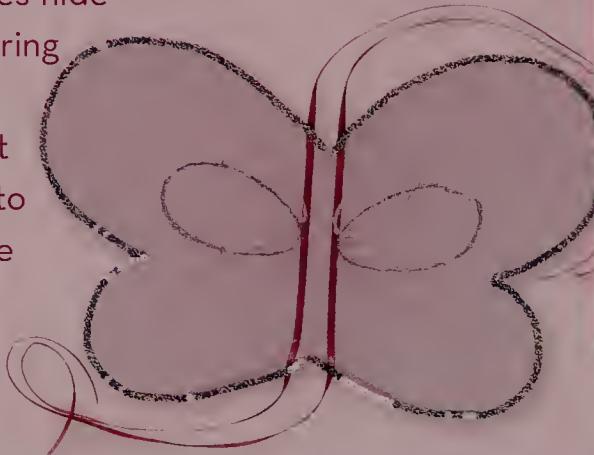
Aurora's Crafts & Activities

Thanks to the magic of the good fairies, Princess Aurora's dreams came true. Turn the page to discover Aurora's crafts and activities all about magic!



Magical Fairy Wings

The good fairies hide their wings during their years in the forest. But you will want to show off these pretty wings!



What You Need

- Plastic, see-through 2-pocket folder (any color)
- Scissors
- 8½- x 11-inch (22- x 28-cm) sheet of paper
- Dark marker
- Hole punch
- Two 42-inch (107-cm)-long pieces of cloth ribbon, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6 mm) wide
- Permanent markers, stickers, glitter, sequins, and other items to decorate your wings

With a grown-up's help:



1. Open the folder and cut out the inside pocket flaps.

2. Starting at one long edge of the paper, use the dark marker to draw one fairy wing on the piece of paper as shown. The wing should fill most of the paper.

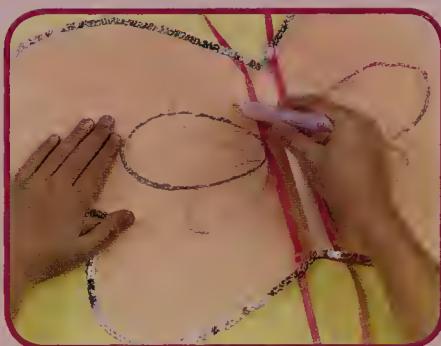
3. Put the paper inside the folder and close it. Cut along the marker line. Do not cut through the folder's middle crease. (Hint: Use paper clips to hold the paper in place.)



4. Remove the sheet of paper. With the folder closed, punch two holes side by side at each end of the folded edge where shown.



5. Open the folder and lace the two ribbons through the holes as shown. Adjust the ribbons so that equal lengths stick out above and below the wings on each side.



6. Turn the wings over. Decorate the backs of the wings with permanent markers, stickers, glitter, sequins, or anything else you like. Magical!

Royal Idea

Put on your prettiest fairy dress and a tiara. Ask a grown-up to hold your wings against your back with the decorated side facing outward. Then tie the loose ends of the ribbons around your arms, and let the fairy magic begin!



Aurora's Magic Spinner

The good fairies change Aurora's dress from pink to blue and back again. This craft puts a new "spin" on things.



What You Need

- Small snap-together plastic egg
- White glue
- No-longer-needed CD or DVD
- Copier
- Pink, blue, and yellow markers, colored pencils, or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue stick

With a grown-up's help:



1. Separate the plastic egg. Glue the shorter part of the egg to the printed side of the CD as shown. Make sure the egg is centered. Let the glue dry completely. (Hint: If you don't have an egg, ask a grown-up to cut a table-tennis ball in half for you.)

2. Flip the CD over. Glue the longer part of the egg to the shiny side of the CD as shown, making sure the egg is centered. Let the CD sit until the glue dries. Make eight copies of the Aurora picture on page 33.

3. Color the dresses on four of the pictures pink and four of them blue. Color the hair on each picture yellow. Cut out the pictures along the outer edges.



4. Glue the pictures to the shiny side of the CD as shown. Alternate between pink and blue dresses.



5. Grasp the egg and spin the CD like a top.



6. Magically, the Auroras with pink and blue dresses disappear and a lovely violet streak appears in their place!

Royal Idea

Instead of a violet streak, make it green by coloring four Aurora pictures yellow instead of pink. Or create an orange streak by coloring four pictures yellow and the other four red.



Favorite Colors

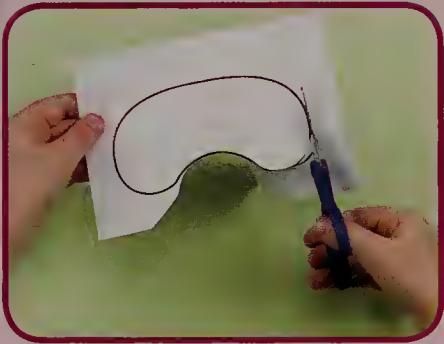
Everyone has a favorite color. You and your friends can celebrate your favorites with a special Color Day. On this day, everyone dresses in her favorite color from head to toe, just like Aurora's aunts do!

Magical Eye Mask

Pretend to be a Sleeping Beauty with this pretty eye mask that's fit for a princess!



With a grown-up's help:



1. Trace the shape on page 35 onto white paper. Cut out the shape.



2. Set the shape on the felt. Use the marker to trace around the shape. Move the shape to a clean part of the felt and repeat to make another shape. Cut out both shapes.



3. Lay one felt shape on a flat surface. Cut tiny snips along the non-lacy edge of the lacy ribbon every inch or so to make it lie flat. Spread glue around the edge of the felt shape. Press the ribbon around the edge of the shape.

What You Need

- Black marker
- Scissors
- Sheet of felt (any color)
- White glue
- 16-inch (41-cm)-long piece of lacy ribbon, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1.3 cm) wide
- 41-inch (104-cm)-long piece of ribbon (any width or color)
- Fabric paint, sequins, buttons, and other items to decorate your mask
- White paper



4. Put a dab of glue on the right and left sides of the felt shape where shown. Center the ribbon over the shape and press the ribbon against the glue.

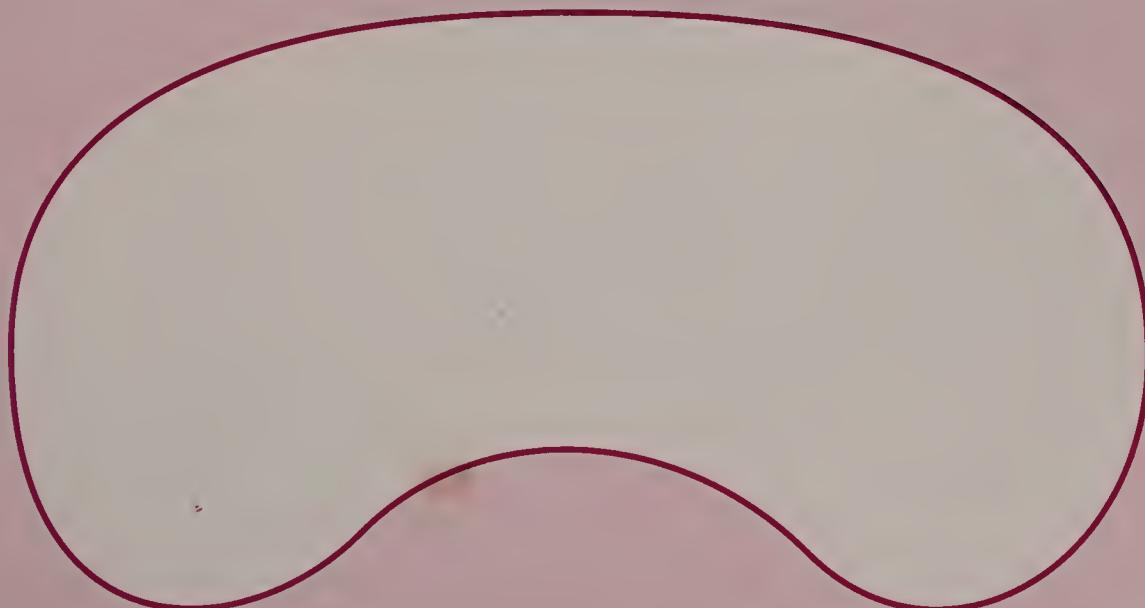
5. Spread glue around the edge of the other felt shape. Press the glued side against the lacy-edged shape. Hold in place for about one minute.

6. Decorate one side of your eye mask with fabric paint, sequins, buttons, or anything else you like. When your mask is completely dry, tie it around your head.

Royal Idea

With a grown-up's permission, put a few drops of perfume on the decorated side of your eye mask. When you wear it, you will not only look beautiful but you will smell beautiful, too!

Note: This pretty eye mask is just for fun and should not be used at bedtime.



Add Your Magic to Merryweather's Wand

Merryweather's wand needs a little more magic.

You can help in this fun game.

Number of players:

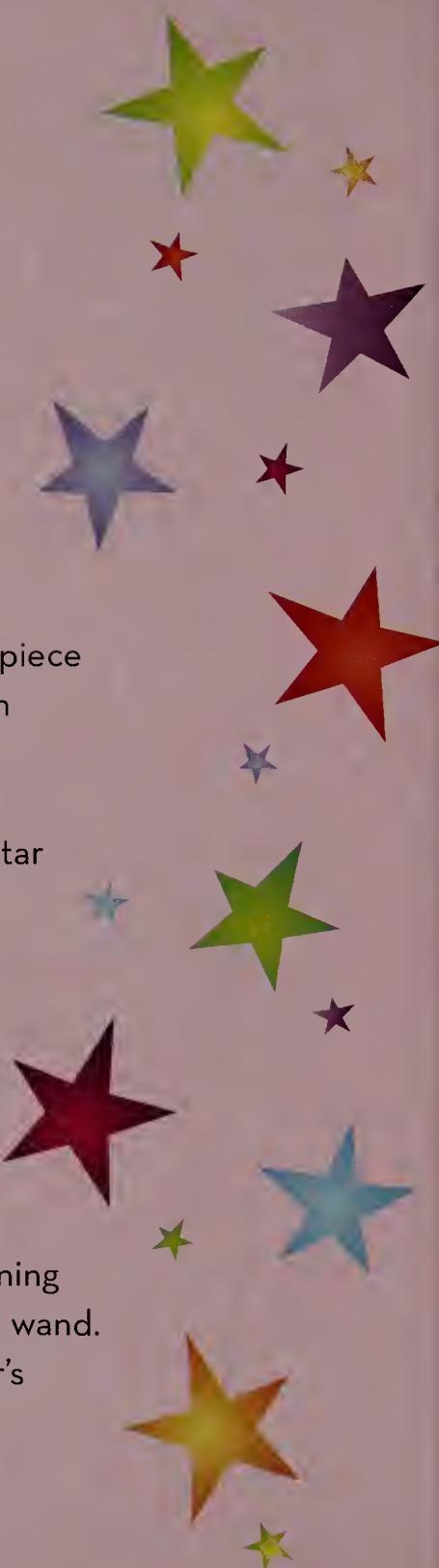
Any number can play—the more, the merrier!

Get ready:

- Ask a grown-up to copy the picture of Merryweather and her wand on the next page. If you don't have a color copier, lay a piece of white paper over the picture, trace it, and then color it with crayons or markers.
- Using removable tape, stick the copy to a wall.
- Give each player a different-colored magical sticker. Sparkly star stickers work well with this game.

How to play:

- The first player stands about one arm's length away from the wall and then puts on the magical eye mask from pages 34–35. Ask a grown-up to spin Player 1 around one time. Then Player 1 tries to stick his or her magical sticker onto the end of Merryweather's wand.
- All of the other players take turns wearing the eye mask, spinning around, and sticking their magic stickers onto Merryweather's wand.
- The player with the sticker closest to the tip of Merryweather's wand wins the game.
- To play again, carefully peel off the stickers and start over.



Crafts & Activities



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The entire kingdom rejoices when a baby girl is born to King Stefan and his queen. But when the evil Maleficent places a spell on Princess Aurora, her fate depends upon three good fairies, Prince Phillip's bravery, and the magic of True Love's Kiss.



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